

## Undergraduate Association Elections Issue

### Malcolm M. Jones '57 UAP Statement

Who or what is the U.A.P.? Literally, he is the President of the Undergraduate Association. But what is the Undergraduate Association? It's you—the undergraduate members of the M.I.T. community, and your president is your chief spokesman and representative to the administration, the faculty, the various student activities and organizations, and the general public as well.

In such a prominent position, you indeed want a reliable, responsible and respected student. The president should have an intimate knowledge of the complete workings of student government. He should also be familiar with the organization and structure of the administration and faculty to the extent that he can effectively work with these groups for the benefit of the students whom he represents. Above all, your President must be a student that commands and receives the respect of both the student groups with which he has to work and the administration. There is indeed a great need for improvement along this line, especially with regard to the student groups. No matter how good your president is, he must have the cooperation of the groups with which he has to work. This includes not only the Institute Committee, but the Activities Council, the Dormitory Council, the I.F.C., the Commuter Association, the Association of Women Students, and all the other Class A and Class B organizations with which he must harmoniously work.

Knowing the members of these organizations and having a knowledge of their functions is an important step towards attaining a better collaboration with these groups. To attain these two requisites takes time, and most important of all, the actual working experience gained through membership in these groups. No executive can make competent decisions regarding an activity if he does not even know what this activity is supposed to do, or is actually doing.

Of course, it is obvious that within the scope of a brief college career no student, no matter how active he is, can have obtained membership in all of M.I.T.'s many undergraduate activities. However, I feel that I have had an adequate sampling of the various activities and student government positions that undergraduate students may participate in. As a member of the

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### Candidates For UAP



Malcolm M. Jones '57



B. J. Long '59

### B. J. Long '59 UAP Statement

The thought of having a Freshman as President of the Undergraduate Association has created quite a stir of indignation throughout the Institute. Being that Freshman I would like to clear up any misconceptions. I am a veteran, 25 years old, and have had experience in other legislative groups besides having served one term on Institute Committee. Although I am at present President of the Freshman Class, I am not trying merely to gain publicity for myself in this election, but I am seriously pursuing this office and am confident of my ability to handle this position as it should be.

Are you wondering, as I am, why the slate of candidates is so small? The only reason I can find for the small number of candidates is that the position of Undergraduate

Association President is too time consuming. This brings me to the reason why I am running. I believe the efficiency of this office can be increased greatly and with it the efficiency of the whole structure of student government without curtailing the operation of either. This position can be made less time consuming by greater diversification of the duties and responsibilities connected with it, thus making it a more sought after position in the future.

There is a definite need at M.I.T. to inform the student body of the construction, purpose and aims of student government, and to arouse greater interest in its activities. This can be accomplished by better communication between student government and student body. Two means of communication could be the indoctrination of a newsletter or conferences held between a member of Institute Committee and different living groups. A pamphlet should be written and distributed to all incoming students describing the construction, purpose, and aims of student government.

More work needs to be done on the integration of commuters into life at M.I.T. Work has already been started but there is much left to be done.

The drawings of the Student Union Building look very pretty lying about the Institute Committee office, but there seems to be no further progress being made. If elected I propose to pursue the realization of this project to the fullest extent. The rule governing profit making

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### Inscomm Officer Elections Important To Success Of Student Self-Government

by Robert B. Hillman '59

In many ways M.I.T. differs from most American colleges. Not the least of these differences is the remarkable form of student government that presides over many of the affairs of the undergraduate body.

One can search a long time before finding a campus on which students have such great freedom and shoulder such great responsibility in the regulation of college affairs.

The philosophy of the Institute administration is simple. They have faith in the ability of the student to manage successfully his own affairs.

The Undergraduate Association budget of well over fifty thousand dollars is administered solely by the student Finance Committee. The judicial system is almost entirely student run; and there has been a trend recently toward giving the undergraduates a hand in working out the academic policies of the Institute. Several groups have been working in close cooperation with the faculty along this line.

The heart of student government is contained in Institute Committee. For the last two years

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## EDITORIALS

### The UAP . . .

The success or failure of Institute Committee is almost wholly dependent upon one man—the UAP. He has the key role in planning the agenda, he has the even more vital position in controlling debate. He can focus attention on important issues, relegate mechanical matters to their proper place. The right man can accomplish something in the limited time available, the wrong man can exhaust the available time on trivia, bog down proceedings in unnecessary debate, render InsComm useless.

The leader of the undergraduate body, the UAP is in the best position to present *our* views to the administration, to argue for what *we* want. To be an effective lobbyist, he must know the Institute and the undergraduates, he must have the courage of his convictions, the strength to adhere to them, the ability to present them. He must also have the understanding and imagination to compromise when necessary.

As an administrator, he must be aware of the procedural limitations of InsComm and prepare to take steps to correct them. He must have an understanding of the various activities to be able to reform the unwieldy and often unfair system of representation. He must be creative enough to plan special events like the Discrimination Conference.

The position of Undergraduate Association President is a big one in name. It is even bigger in responsibility, in authority and in time. The necessary qualities of a UAP are difficult to determine from an activities record, a cumulative rating and a brief statement. You have the responsibility of making that difficult decision.

### . . . The UAVP

Let's face it—the job of Vice President doesn't *require* too much. A Vice President with little understanding of the position, interest in the job or ability can fulfill the written obligations of the position. In return for an impressive title, he can give little effort and almost no service to the undergraduate body.

But a Vice President who does more than go through the motions can be of incalculable benefit. As a member of Executive Committee, he is in the best position to initiate policy. Interest and a keen mind can go a long way toward the solution of many of the much-debated and little acted upon problems—Senior Rings and the Commuter Center are two of the most conspicuous. A capable administrator can make the Vice President's role of Coordinator of Sub-committees into a creative force. Not required to represent a particular faction, he can, if acquainted with the Institute, present a sound over-all position on any issue.

Interested, able and experienced, a Vice President can take some of the burden from the shoulders of the UAP, act as contact man between Institute Committee, the undergraduate body and the administration, carry out special projects, help to revise procedure.

The UAVP election can decide seriously who will best fill what could be and should be one of the most valuable, one of the most influential positions at the Institute—or it can be a popularity contest.

If you're voting only for the best hand-shaker—do yourself a favor and leave that part of the ballot blank.

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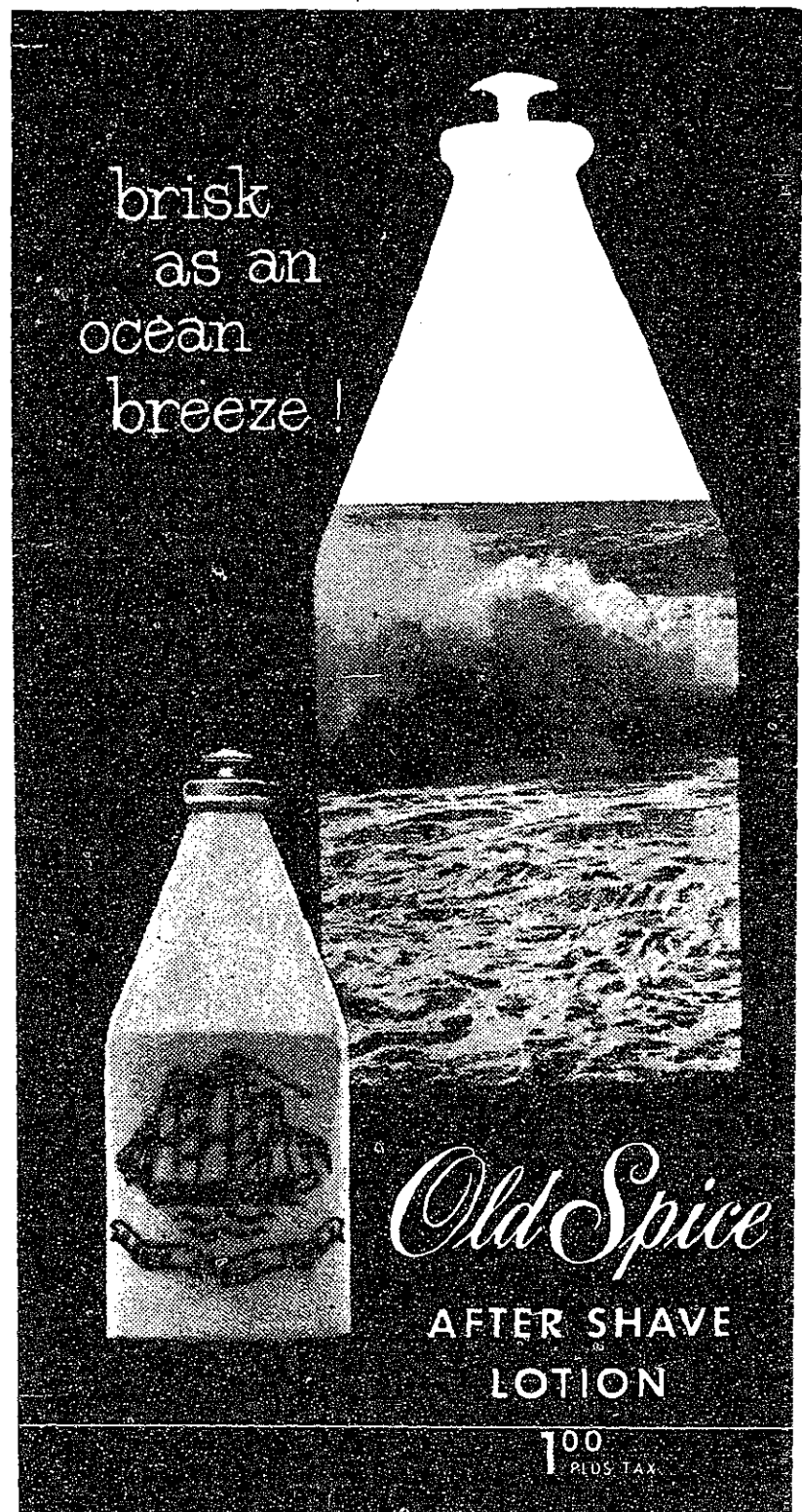
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# Candidates For Undergraduate Association Vice-President



Tom Thomas '57

## UAVP Statement

On Tuesday the election for the Undergraduate President and Vice President will be held. If this election follows the pattern of its predecessors five o'clock less than one third of the student body will have expressed its voice. Some will not go to this as a mark of student apathy. I don't agree with this point of view for I believe that lack of knowledge and not of interest is the main reason for our shortcomings at the polls. Why should you vote if you do not know those whom you are voting, or what they wish to accomplish?

Looking at it in this vein the candidates themselves are much more at fault for the lack of interest at the polls than the students. In general a candidate for an office takes a nomination, collects the required number of signatures, puts up a few posters and then stops. Well, I might ask what more have I done. From the start of the campaign I have devoted my time to going around meeting people individually. When this has been impossible I have tried to get your hall chairman or some members of our fraternity house and express my ideas to them so that you might know what I will try to do for you. I believe that personal contact is more effective than the printed word and I hope that through such contact you will become interested in what I wish to accomplish in particular, in the working of InsComm in general. I only believe that if most of the students were in a speaking acquaintance with two members of InsComm they would become more interested in its activities.

Concerning general indifference it would seem that the cellular life we live at Tech, because of its studies, is at fault. By a cellular life I mean an arrangement by which most of us don't know many of our classmates outside of our part of the dorm or the fraternity house. I believe that InsComm can foster classwide social and athletic activities carefully planned to foster the mixing among the various living units. In addition to these ideas there are other important matters for InsComm action.

1) The issue of the Senior Ring Committee could be settled once and for all. I do not feel that InsComm's yearly legislation of morals for a committee after the damage is done is either very effective or proper. There are two courses of action open. First to draw up rules of conduct for the committee more in the line of practical

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Fitz Rawls '57

## UAVP Statement

The position of the Vice President requires plenty of experience on the Institute Committee, plus a working knowledge of the other components of the Undergraduate Association—the activities. This experience is necessary if the Vice President is to give sound advice and leadership to InsComm, and aid the President by handling special duties and committees that may be formed.

During the past year my position as Secretary of the Institute Committee and member of the Executive Committee has enabled me to work with Dick Peskin, the present Vice President, and learn the duties of the office. The experience gained while on the Executive Committee and while Chairman of the Secretariat makes me well qualified to perform the duties of Vice President.

Certain situations present within the Undergraduate Association deserve discussion in order to inform the voters of my views:

1. Undergraduate Association Financing—At present the U. A. must prepare a very detailed prospective budget once a year. Then the Finance Board must literally beg the administration for every penny, explain each small item in the budget, and finally take what it can get. A new plan, which I am supporting, is to receive the money on a direct amount-per-student-enrolled basis. This will allow the U. A. to set up its budget without administration control, to make long range plans, and to provide for truly independent student government.
2. The Athletic Association—The A.A., which is larger in its degree of student participation and in its budget than all other activities combined, is relatively low in the organization of the U. A. This was made noticeable when InsComm acted on some problems in which the A.A.'s opinion was needed, but was not available. I would like to give the A.A. representation on InsComm equal to that given to the other activities through Activities Council.
3. Intramural Sports—The high cost of refereeing fees has caused students to miss out on some of the better sports. I am in favor of an appropriation to cover a portion of the larger fees and thus increase participation in the Intramural Program.

These three issues are not the only ones con-

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Donald Aucamp '57

## UAVP Statement

Believe it or not, my opinions on present day issues do not necessarily form the most important element in this election day discussion. Students are tired of hearing the campaign promises of all politicians. They have no way of knowing whether or not political promises will be carried out, or even whether or not the candidates will greatly strive to put forth their election day platforms. I shall not, therefore, bore you with campaign "lies", but I shall show you the true value of an excellent Undergraduate Association Vice President.

The Vice President is a liaison officer between the Institute Committee and the students on the one hand, and on the other hand between the Institute Committee and the administration. He must, therefore, not only possess knowledge of the Institute, but must also be able to work with people in an effective, efficient manner. I cannot emphasize enough the absolute importance of this liaison function. The Vice President's initial beliefs are almost negligible in significance as compared to his ability to seek out the problems of the Institute community, to logically present them in both Executive and InsComm meetings, to contribute a worthy part of the ensuing discussion, and to strive then for the adoption of the best possible solution.

I really shouldn't be perfectly honest with you if I were to say I shall push through legislation all of my present viewpoints on controversial issues. We all know that certain opinions on certain subjects sometimes change in the light of intelligent discussion. The most important thing is not what the incoming Vice President initially believes, but rather how he intends to seek out all those opinions and problems of the Institute community, how broadmindedly he presents and discusses them, and finally how capably he acts on the whole proceedings.

I firmly believe that both disclosure and broad discussion of issues are necessary essentials to the democratic process. Obviously, a communications system must be found which will enable our government to reach out and touch each and every hand. Perhaps a few of the following suggestions may better the present situation. Affected parties should be called in and encouraged to voice their opinions in InsComm debates on the issues at hand; boxes could be placed around the campus to receive suggestions and complaints from the students; more important,

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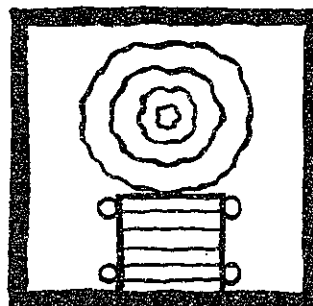
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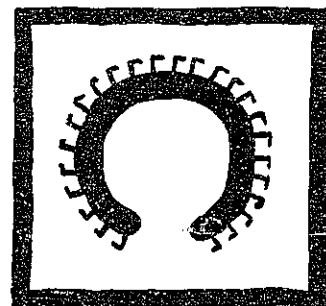
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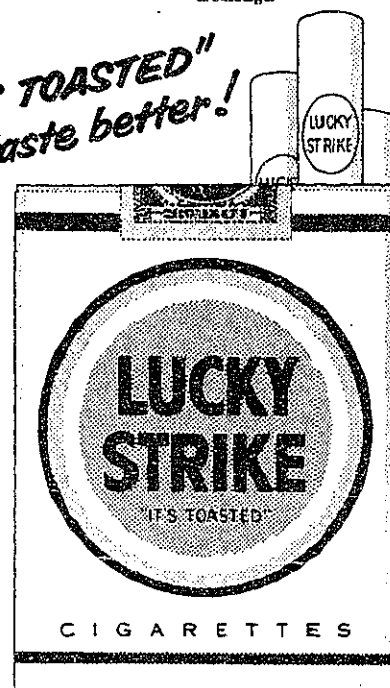


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## CAMP STATEMENT

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The Vice President may sit in on campus discussions and visit the various living groups (at inner time, of course) once or twice a week so that he is always in personal contact with the M.I.T. student . . . so that he knows their problems. He must bring forth these problems to Executive Committee and InsComm, he must add to the ensuing discussion through the help of his own creative mind, and he must endeavor to initiate the most logical legislation.

I can offer you no more than a creative mind anxious to seek out these problems. I want to find the answers to these questions through the use of a somewhat different approach—not one of dogmatically sticking to my initial position without truly hearing all the sides of the question—but one of carefully looking into the problem from all its sides. I want to show the committee that the voice from the outside is worth hearing. This is the Vice President's job. If you elect me, I shall make it my job.

## RAWLS STATEMENT

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Fronting student government, but they are certainly among the most important right now. I believe they are the most important because they will improve our organization and enable us to better perform the prime function of the Undergraduate Association, service to the student body.

The man who can perform the duties of the Vice President must be willing to take responsibility and be confident that he knows what he is doing. I really want this position and conscientiously promise to do a good job if elected.

## INSCOMM

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the chairman of this group, the UAP, has been elected by the entire undergraduate body.

At present, the Institute Committee consists of twenty-one members, representing primarily the various living groups and classes at the Institute.

The success of student government at M.I.T. is testimony that the administration is justified in its philosophy of faith. It is further evident that government has been successful because strong and capable men have been elected to office—given the privilege and responsibility of running this organization. As long as the undergraduate body continues to put capable men in office, the administration will continue to delegate power and responsibility to student government. This is the key fact in today's election for Undergraduate Association President and Vice President.

Many new challenges face student government in the coming year—Dormitory Council may take part in planning a new undergraduate dormitory, for example. The proposed commuter center in Walker Memorial will necessitate experienced and capable men in student government's top posts to consider and administrate planning. The proposed Student Union Building will once again be up for the consideration of the Institute Committee.

In all capacities, qualified, interested, ambitious, capable men are needed to fill the key positions. The election today will be of primary importance in choosing these leaders.

## LONG STATEMENT

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by activities at M.I.T. should be revised so that the activities would be willing to turn over excess profits to the student union fund.

There are a great number of issues to be considered such as commons meals, code of ethics, evaluation of Undergraduate instruction and cumulative rating system, and a system whereby more students attend Institute Committee meetings.

I am proud of the student autonomy at M.I.T. and propose to retain its current level or possibly increase it. I urge all the members of the Undergraduate to vote in this election to preserve this status and to elect the best representative of the undergraduate body.

## JONES STATEMENT

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I.F.C. Executive Committee I am intimately acquainted with the problems of the Fraternities. This term I am a commuter and I'm becoming acquainted with the commuter's problems, especially parking. Membership on the Ryer Committee has supplied me with intimate experiences and information as to what dormitory living is like, and what problems, such as commons meals, the dormitory students face.

As for student government, I've continuously been a member of InsComm since the beginning of my Freshman year. In this capacity I've served on numerous special committees and several prominent sub-committees such as the Freshman Coordinating Committee and the Student Union Committee. Besides this, I've actively participated in musical groups, religious groups, honorary societies, and also worked as a member of a student staff.

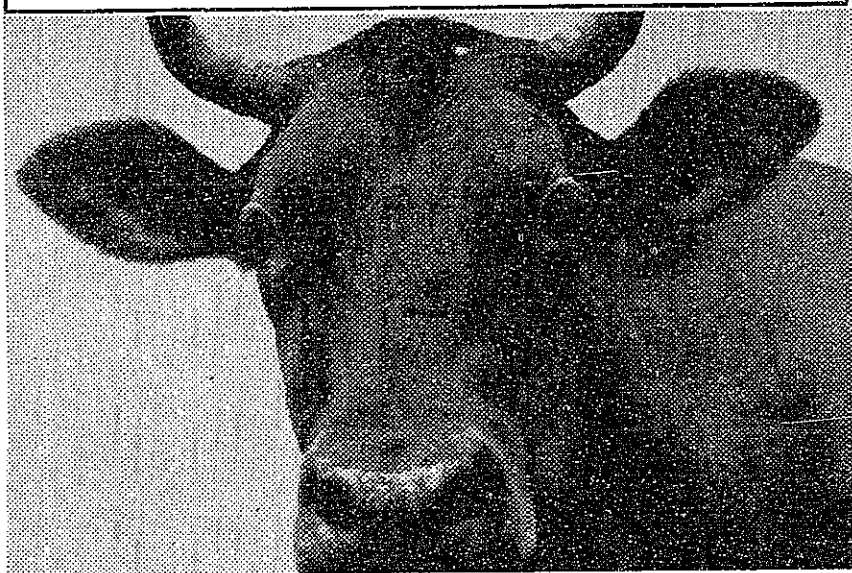
I ask for your vote so that You may capitalize on this experience.

## THOMAS STATEMENT

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suggestions than a code of ring ethics and then place our trust in the ability of the students we elect or, secondly have the ring companies submit their rings unaccompanied by salesmen and have the selection of the ring made without the selectors having knowledge of which company submitted which ring. I personally believe that on the whole this year's Senior Ring Committee did a good job and that although some improvements are necessary I do not think that it is required to treat the Ring Committee like infants and bar them from all correspondence with the various companies.

2) To my mind the undergraduate aspiration should be independent of financial control by the administration. Tech fosters the idea of independence among the students and in student government. However, this ideal is hardly realized when many plans of InsComm and other school activities depend upon financial consent of the school. I am not asking for unlimited funds, but rather for complete control over the funds set aside for us. I believe such action would add greatly to the initiative of undergraduate activities.

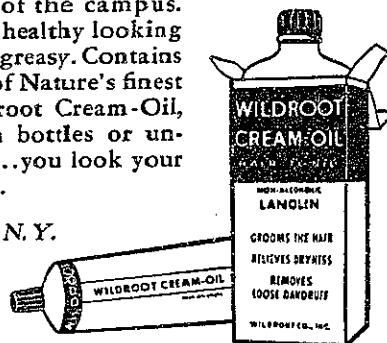
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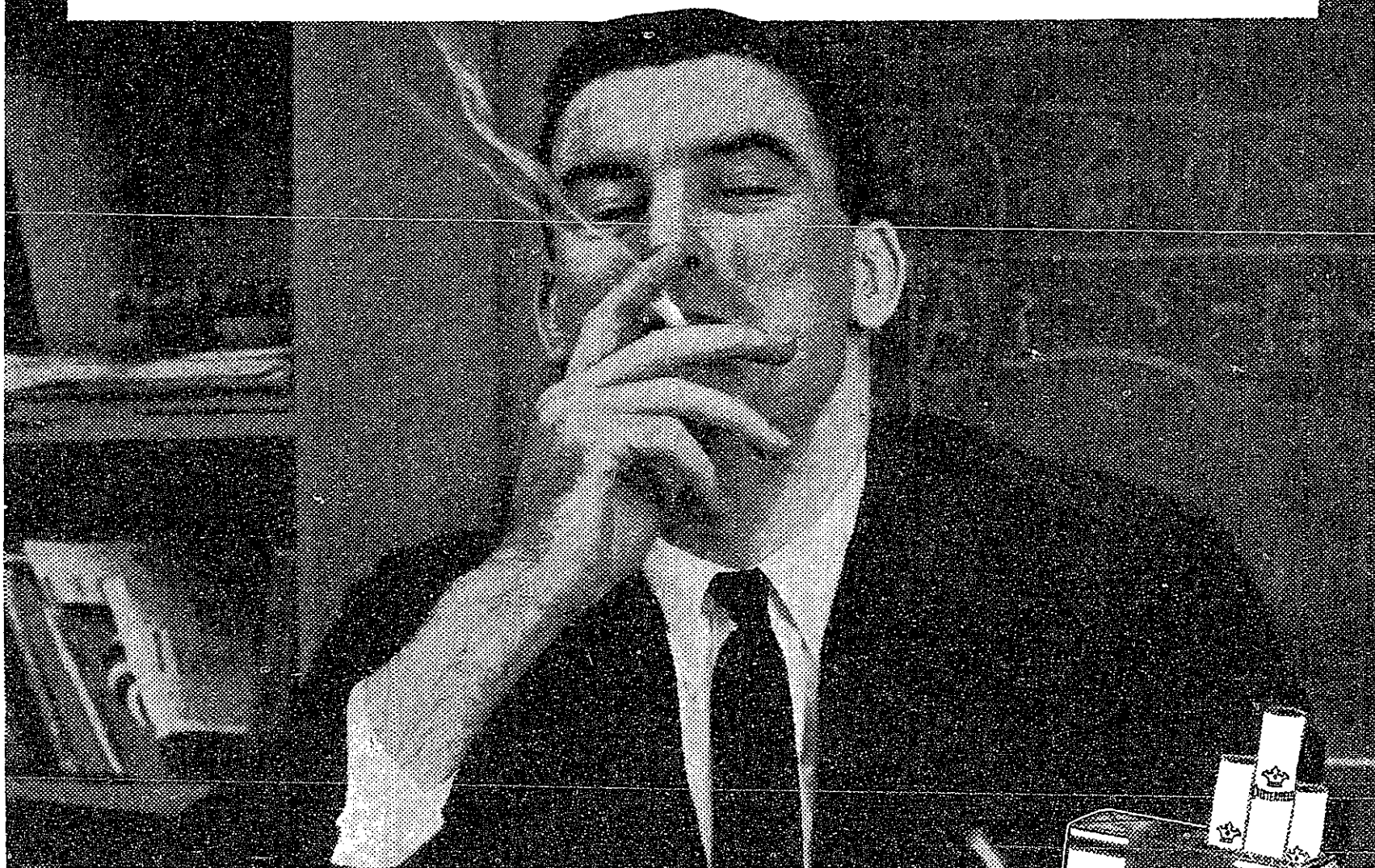
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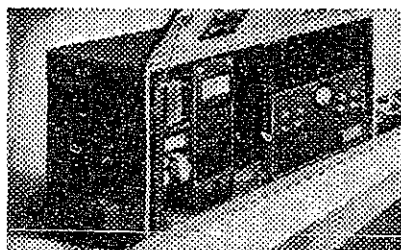


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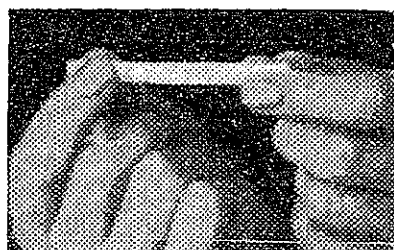
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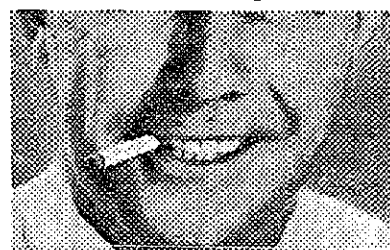
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